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Hon. Jo Deen Lowe takes her oath of office as the new Chief Judge of the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court

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Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary installs a Drug Treatment Court

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The Healing to Wellness Court is the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary's newly installed Drug Treatment Court, which is designed to treat participants for alcohol and drug abuse instead of harsh jail and/or prison sentences for non-violent crimes. On December 28, 2011, Ho-Chunk Nation Interim Chief Judge Amanda Rockman joined Jackson County Circuit Court Judge Thomas Lister on the Jackson County Treatment Court in the first dual session. Jackson County has had its Treatment Court since 2008. The two courts have been working together since summer 2011.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary Act is currently out for 45 day Review with changes to provide for the Healing to Wellness Court. The proposed changes are as follows:

A Healing to Wellness Court consisting of a Treatment Team made up of a Trial Court Judge, a prosecutor, a public defender/advocate, a Treatment Team coordinator, a Researcher, a law enforcement official, a representative of the Legislature, a

representative of probation, a representative of substance abuse treatment providers, a representative of Traditional Court, a representative of social services, a representative of compliance, and other members to be determined by the Judiciary and/or Treatment Team.

The Judiciary shall provide for the establishment, operation, and funding of the Nation's Healing to Wellness Court to assist the Judiciary in providing alternatives to prosecution and incarceration for Tribal Member criminal offenders who abuse alcohol or other drugs. This program is based upon principles of restorative justice that takes into account the traditions, culture, and customs of the Nation.

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Drug Treatment Court first appeared in 1989 at Kings County (Brooklyn) New York. DEA Administrator Asa Hutchinson said, "Drug Treatment Alternative-to-Prison program demonstrates the tremendous success we can have helping addicts heal and in reducing the demand for drugs in this country. Under a system of accountability and compassion, this program is rebuilding lives and families and strengthening New York's communities."

The Healing to Wellness Court will have a judge hear each participant's case from

the beginning, traces progressions and lapses, order random drug testing, and monitor attendance to treatment sessions. Participants will be accountable to follow the clearly defined rules and chooses their own path to recovery. Failing to meet the minimum requirements set forth by the court will result in immediate sanctions. Treatment team members follow the National Drug Treatment Court policies, models, and trainings. Participants work their way through four phases and up to fifteen weeks in each phase. Depending on their adherence, participants can petition to advance through weeks or be held at weeks for an extended time.

The Healing to Wellness Court team is Judge Amanda Rockman, Margaret Falcon, Stephanie Lozano, Ruth Garvin, Roxanne Whitegull, Bill Gardner, Chief of Police Dan Libke, Caralee Murphy, and Nicole Homer. Rockman and Falcon are from the Tribal Court, Lozano and Garvin from Social Services, Whitegull and Gardner are serving as public defenders/advocates, Libke and Murphy are law enforcement, and Homer is the special prosecutor.

The Jackson County Treatment Court is Judge Thomas Lister, Captain Mike Ring, D.A. Gerald Fox, Bill Poss (Defense Attorney), Nick Lee (Counselor), Heidi Helm (Dept. of Corrections),



Judges Thomas Lister and Amanda Rockman oversee the first dual session.

Judy Luttio (Coordinator). At the first dual session, the Jackson County treatment team assured each participant in their court that "at least three clients are waiting in line to replace them" and "it's a privilege to be in here (the treatment court)." During the session, each participant updates on their week and results of their assignment(s), followed by comments from the treatment team. Some participants were ordered to deal with health concerns, set goals, find an apartment, take a test, or make appointments. Participants keep a calendar and notebooks to stay organized and accountable for assignments.

Participants receive frank talks about their actions and issues. Jackson County D.A. Gerald Fox said, "if you go to prison, you won't get meaningful treatment (for

drugs and alcohol abuse)." Sanctions can be nights or weeks in jail, doubling meeting requirements, or various other tasks based on the offense. A graduate of the Kings County Drug Court, who earned her GED, driver's license, and office manager training, said, "I thank you for giving me the tools I needed to learn how to live life on life's terms. You taught me how to be a human being I never knew I was capable of being."



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Treatment Teams of the Jackson County Treatment Court and the Ho-Chunk Nations' Healing to Wellness Court at the first dual session.

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Housing and Urban Development visit Chicago

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On December 10, 2011, Tribal leaders met with the Regional Administrator of HUD - Antonio Riley, Senior Advisor Office of Native American Program - Brian Gillen, and Office of Community Planning and Development Director - Ray Willis; which led to program funding through the community development block grant that is available for branch offices in Minnesota, Illinois, and the city of Madison

HUD’s mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities

free from discrimination; and transform the way HUD does business.

Milwaukee native, Antonio Riley, currently serves for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for six states in the Midwestern region including Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, “Riley will serve as HUD’s liaison to mayors, city managers, elected representatives, state and local officials, congressional delegations, stakeholders and customers. He will be responsible for overseeing the delivery of HUD programs and services to communities, as well as evaluating their efficiency and effectiveness. Riley is one of 10 Regional Administrators in the United States.”

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan said, “Antonio is an experienced, dedicated

public servant who has been intimately involved in economic development and housing issues in the low to moderate income communities for years. His skill set and the fact that his most recent focus was to develop new strategies that increase jobs, make homeownership sustainable and affordable, renew and invigorate depressed neighborhoods, make him the perfect pick for this region at this time.”

Prior to his new role, Antonio Riley served as Executive Director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA). Under Riley’s leadership, WHEDA focused its energies to capture the inherent relationship between housing and economic development by developing new strategies that increase jobs, making homeownership affordable, and renewing and invigorating



Front row (L-R) Heidi Frechette, Antonio Riley, Forrest Whiterabbit, Brian Gillen. Back row (L-R) Ray Willis, Robert TwoBears, Greg Littlejohn.

depressed neighborhoods.

The meeting was very helpful in that the goal is to maximize federal funds with the Nation’s assets. If there were a goal to attain it would be to allow greater program innovation at the tribal level

to remain as high priority as ever.

As the meeting continued there was additional dialogue of HUD restarting a Native Urban Housing committee; more to follow with future meetings.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

To the Ho-Chunk People:

As the new calendar year begins, a new and refreshed energy runs throughout the workplace. Many received a much needed family time over the holidays with their greatest supporters. For those that worked through the holidays to generate revenue or so others could take time off, your good deed does not go unnoticed. Thank you.



Jon Greendeer

The Office of the President kept a lively course to assist, as best we can, those over the holidays who were going through some unfortunate hardships. It’s a time when those enlisted to work in the office gain the best understanding of why we are here and who we are here for.

As you may be aware, the Office of the President committed to a substantial undertaking to revert the Lynwood, IL operation under the direction of the Executive

Branch. Uncertain as to the size and complexity of this transition at the onset, we have a greater understanding of the disposition of the business, facility, and property.

Many Executive Branch personnel have brought us to a more comfortable understanding of the former Southland Project and as we gather and consolidate more information, we feel the Legislature will be equipped to make an informed decision as to what their new intention will be with our interests in Illinois.

To say the workers have gone above and beyond their duties to secure and assess the tribal property would be the greatest understatement of 2011. Maintenance, Security, Accountants, Auditors, and yes, even Departmental Executives rolled their sleeves up and did a most fantastic job for the people. They worked knowing that tribal members have every right to know what’s going on with our property and what our future intentions will be.

For the countless hours that many have contributed in the transition, Thank you.

In the service of the People,
Maąşųsga

Jon Greendeer
President of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Department of Personnel PUBLIC NOTICE

WHO: ALL Ho-Chunk Nation Employees

What: Open Enrollment

When: January – 2012

Where: Various Ho-Chunk facility locations

Why: This is the only time you can make changes (to your health, life, short term disability, and vision.)

Reminder: The next time you can make changes is January 2013. Next vision change is 2014.

If you have any questions please call the Nation’s Insurance Department at 800-232-0086 and speak to an Insurance Benefits Specialist.

JANUARY 2012						
SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI	SAT
1 New Year's Day!	2 Office Closed	3 HCC 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:30pm (Lower Dells A/I) WIT 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:30pm (Health Office-Conf Rm)	4 MPC- AM 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am (Bingo Hall) MPC- PM 2:00pm, 3:30am, 5:00pm, 6:30pm (Bingo Hall)	5 TOB 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm (Cafeteria)	6	7
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Meetings After Five

Submitted by Kathleen Clemons, HCN Exercise Physiologist

The Diabetes Education and Support Group (DESG) of the Partners of Black River Memorial Hospital and The Health Department of The Ho-Chunk Nation, through a grant from Lunda Foundation, are working together to present “Meetings After Five.” In an effort to bring people together who are unable to attend the regular monthly daytime meetings, there are four special dates scheduled throughout the year. The meetings will be held at Black River Memorial Hospital in Dorothy Halvorson Conference Room #1 at 5:30 p.m. Listed below are the dates, topics and presenters:

- March 19 – Diabetes and Exercise** – Kathleen Clemons, Exercise Physiologist, CDE
- June 19 – Why Am I So Angry?** - Ben Boardman, MD
- September 17 – Diabetes Burnout** – Kathy Braaten, RD, CDE and Kathleen Clemons
- November 12 – Carbohydrate Counting for the Holidays,** Kathy Braaten, RD, CDE

The DESG regular monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month in the Dorothy Halvorson Conference Room #2 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The first four topics being covered this year are:

- January - Why Testing Your Blood Sugar is Important**
- February - Pay Attention to Your Mental Wellness**
- March - Artificial Sweeteners: What You Need to Know**
- April - How to Get the Most from Office Visits**

“The mission of the DESG is to bring people with diabetes, pre-diabetes, and their family and friends together to share experiences and learn to live healthy lives,” stated Margie Fait, DESG President.

Anyone is welcome to attend these informative sessions.

Soup

Submitted by Kathy Braaten, RD, CD, CDE

Did you know January is National Soup Month? Cold snowy days are perfect for a hot steaming bowl of soup! Plus, soup is actually a nice way to start eating a little lighter and healthier after the holidays. Here is the scoop on soup:

- Soups are great ways boost fiber intake with whole grains such as brown rice, wild rice, barley, whole wheat pasta and quinoa. If you have been afraid to try new whole grains, adding them to a soup might be an easy way to experiment.

- Soups are great budget-stretchers! Beans and whole grains are inexpensive, and you can often use whatever vegetables you have handy: canned, fresh, or frozen. A small amount of meat, if you use it at all, can also be stretched a long way!
- Soup helps fill you up so you eat less. Research shows that foods with a high water content tend to fill us up, and soup is a great example. Make soup the main part of your meal, along with a salad, or start your meal with a bowl of vegetable soup to take the edge off your hunger and help with weight loss.
- To keep your soup meal slim, choose broth-based soups instead of creamy or cheesy soups. Buy soups that already contain plenty of veggies, or add more of your own vegetables to canned soups, and cook to the desired tenderness.
- If sodium is a concern for you, be sure to look for reduced sodium or low sodium canned soups. If you make your own soups you will have much more control over the sodium content. Use reduced sodium packaged broth or try low-sodium bouillon cubes.



- Soups are an easy way to eat more beans, which are also high in fiber. Cooked dry beans are excellent protein sources and therefore can substitute for meat. You can use a small amount of meat along with the beans, or skip it altogether and let the beans be the protein.

15 Minute Mexican Minestrone

- 1 can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- ½ cup chunky salsa
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels (if using canned, rinse and drain)
- 1 can (15 oz.) chicken broth (Or 2 cups water with 2 chicken bouillon cubes) (try lower sodium versions)
- ¾ cup macaroni or whole wheat pasta
- 1 cup red and/or green bell pepper, diced
- 1 cup sliced zucchini or yellow squash, fresh or frozen

Combine all ingredients in a large pan or microwave container. If making on the stove, bring to a boil then reduce to a simmer and cook until pasta is tender – about 15 minutes. Stir occasionally. If making in the microwave, cook on full power until macaroni is tender – about 12 – 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Optional: garnish with nonfat plain yogurt and chopped cilantro. Makes 4 servings of 1-1/2 cups each; for 230 calories, 1 g. fat, 41 g. carbohydrate, 330 mg. sodium.

Adapted from communicatingfoodforhealth.com

FITNESS CLASSES 2012

FOR THE BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA






Exercise Lite: Mondays, 4:00, Clinic Conference Room. This is a low to moderate intensity class and includes chair aerobics, circuit workouts or low impact aerobics. Class type rotates weekly or bi-weekly. 30 minutes in length.


Body Shapers: Wednesdays, 4:00, Clinic Conference Room. This is a high intensity and strenuous class that includes interval, strength and core training. Please call Kathleen before attending this class if you have health concerns – modifications can be made for you. 45 minutes in length.

Elder Fitness: Wednesdays, 10:30 BRF TAU. This is a lower intensity class that includes either circuit workouts or chair aerobics. 30 minutes in length.

Water aerobics: Mondays, 5:00 pm, MPC pool. This is a good class for those who need gentle exercise that is easy on the joints but...also good for anyone! 30 minutes in length.

Please contact Kathleen Clemons if you have any questions regarding your health and safety for exercise. I am happy to make modifications to your workout so you can participate (715-284-9851, ext 5308). Medical clearance may be needed to begin an exercise program. Participation in classes is voluntary, participant assumes all risk and it is up to the participant to notify the instructor of any health conditions that exist prior to attending class. Class schedule subject to change without notice.





The Ho Chunk Health Care Center and House of Wellness Clinic would like to remind patients of the importance of attending scheduled appointments. Missed appointments not only effects your care, but other members care as well. Thank You!

1-888-685-4422

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Jan. 20th which will be published on Jan. 27th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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Series 1: The Bio-Dynamic Farms (Organic) Food Story

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Ho-Chunk Nation-Organic Farming Cooperative | Native American Organic Farms Specialists

Introduction
I fully realize that I’m only going to get one shot to get and hold your attention, so this is the ‘shock and awe’ version of what would normally be a boring piece of health and nutrition literature, for most people.
Here’s the national food supply story you’re not going to get from traditional sources; which is to say from politicians or agricultural institutions or food processors or marketers. It’s a battle to the death on numerous fronts with the consumer public getting harmed by an insatiable drive to achieve maximum profit for Wall Street investors; most of whom are headquartered outside of this country.
Reasonable caution has been abandoned in the production and marketing of the nation’s food supply, and has silently been replaced with nothing short of a national conspiracy to engage in criminal activity under color of law. Nothing short of State sponsored Biological Terrorism!
What we’re dealing with here is not some academic rhetoric but practice and policy that endangers the very sustainability of human life. While most people know there are serious problems with public health, what is not known is that the watchdogs of this public food and health system are asleep in their taxpayer kennels.
It remains to be shown that any of these people, especially the USDA, FDA and the CDC are acting in the best interests of the American people. It’s also the story of why Indian people, the most severe victim of this criminal activity, if they are to survive, must take it upon themselves to heal their own communities—no one else is interested beyond some small public relations issue.
Try to keep in mind that this

article is not just some finger pointing at authority figures for the fun of it; but rather the result of great effort to discover, that which is true, and that which is a lie.
Neither is it intended to be a work of science destined for reproduction in some peer-reviewed journal; which is to say that if at some point a peer group should exist I would be happy to present it. At the moment it is safe to call it a serious work of social/political commentary, a whistle blowers diary, with grievous implications.
What can be said is that collectively many years of good research, by knowledgeable and experienced people, have gone into what you are about to read.
Every issue of any importance in this article has been checked and rechecked and suffers no conclusion that can’t be verified with independent research.
As you discover concepts that differentiate authenticity from madness, clarity from deception, and facts from mythology, it is my optimism that you too will determine that truth is immune to politics, economics and spiritual belief.
A national economy where the two biggest dollar generators are human disease and international killing speaks a great deal about technological progress being manipulated by political motivations, at the expense of our humanity.
Note: As you read on, try to keep this in mind: per capita, contagious diseases or pathogenic bacteria have never accounted for more than 1% of human deaths in the 19th and 20th centuries. While a conservative estimate is that people, for one warlike reason or another, have killed 145 million other people in the twentieth century alone—clearly, man is the most dangerous creature on the face of the earth.
In the year 1898, the science-based mechanisms that are killing tens of millions of people today were not even contained within the

English language.
Today, there is but one disease in the United States, organ failure-- with several thousand sub groupings of supportive vocabulary. Organ failure results in obesity, heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and immune system suppression. Organ failure, is caused by toxic chemicals contained within food and the environment, and is the daughter’s son of the grim reaper.
If nothing changes in the existing food chain, 50% of the American population will die of either cancer or heart disease long before they collect social security.
If I do a reasonably good job here of informing you about the deadly hazards of the national food supply, the next time you walk into a super market, you’re world will have changed from a babe in the woods to a skeptical and cautious consumer. Fundamentally, food is a traditional medicine; and like any medicine, equally as helpful as it can be deadly. Putting food in one’s mouth is a very personal thing, and people have a natural right to expect that such food is safe, healthful and nutritious—it isn’t, it’s poison.
That we are living longer being attributed to modern agriculture and medical care is a myth. Human cells have the evolutionary capacity to replace themselves 50 times and that’s it—how fast and how often these cells have to replace themselves is a combination of lifestyle choice and appropriate nutrition.
Years ago people died in their fifties, and today their organs are dead by age twenty and the craze of legalized drug dependencies allows them to drag around this dead body for another twenty years.
Over 50 million people have walking physical and mental disabilities recognized by Social Security, and 50% of the general population is chronic users of prescription drugs—mostly painkillers. Obesity is such a problem, with 60% of the population fat and half of those being obese,



that public transportation and automobiles are being redesigned. It won’t be very long before we see bloated people lying alongside public roadways, and it will be such a common sight that none will even stop to see if they are ok.
Eating toxic food products produced with modern agriculture practically requires the use of a morning after pill by every man, woman and child in the country.
We’re all getting molested and abused by registered food predators. China has the right idea here, businessmen and women who participate in fraud and theft and drug use or distribution are executed in mobile lethal injection vans— kind of like criminal EMT’s, about 26,000 ‘social corrections’ are made per year. Think that would work here or what?
Historical Data of Legalized Killing Events in the United States
To better understand this institutionalized indifference toward the sanctity of human life vs. the profit motive, here is a brief history of what we are truly up against.
Example: DDT damages genetics; and damaged genes damage amino acids and their peptide bonds to proteins and cause cancer—this is how the chemistry of cancer works. While other toxic chemicals can avoid genes and burn peptide bonds and proteins directly, with the same effect. The Governments story was and is, ‘DDT has never killed anyone and millions of lives were saved by its worldwide use. They repeat and maintain this sick story for modern herbicides and pesticides. Here’s the faulty logic: it’s the same as saying guns do not kill people, bullets do! It’s hard for me to imagine the public buying into this, but they do.
• In the 100 years when tobacco and government were buddies, about 75 million people died:
Today’s tobacco is not the product that was marketed without great harm in this country from about 1495-1920. Least we forget, tobacco put this new world on the map as an economic powerhouse. Nearly everyone in the world chewed, sniffed, ate snus or smoked, and

serious diseases associated with these habits are a new thing.
Use of tobacco products years ago was recommended to kill intestinal worms, a big thing at the time, and is still used as an approved organic pesticide. Today nicotine for medical use has been replaced with arsenic and strychnine, something that can kill you in 10 to 15 seconds, with chemical relatives being used in bug sprays—if you read the label and still use it in your house and yard, you don’t understand the English language.
In the 1920’s the manufacture of cigarettes changed for the worse: tobacco leaf was put into large digester tanks, forming a foul liquid to which over the years 125 chemicals have been added, then bleached and chlorinated paper is dunked into this solution and then shredded to look and feel like tobacco. It isn’t.
These so called cigarettes burn extra hot and make a person feel like they have a mouth full of toilet paper, and deposit wood fiber ash in the throat and lungs.
A few of the ingredients are kerosene, to keep them lit; high fructose corn syrup, to act as a chemical binding agent exaggerating the affect of other ‘secret’ ingredients to deliberately turn you into a drug addict.
It turns out that the nicotine may be the least harmful (a relative to caffeine) it only prevents oxygen from being carried in the blood, with arsenic, carbon monoxide, hydrogen cyanide, tar, formaldehyde, DDT, and H3 nitrates (ammonia) taking center stage—only a few cigarette brands are actually leaf tobacco.
Casual observation indicates that modern cigarettes have been specifically designed to destroy people slowly, with lung cancer and its’ 32,000 deaths being a mild affect—more people are killed in car wrecks and the whole ‘tobacco is bad, see what we’re doing about it’ is a money making public distraction, with sugar laced breakfast cereal killing 1000 times more people than tobacco and car wrecks and cheated on spouses combined
• the USDA sponsored, advertised and promoted the



pesticide DDT (a reformed powder version of surplus WWI Chlorine nerve gas) that has killed millions of people post war, genetically damaged another 150 million and killed about five billion birds and animals.

Outlawed in the United States (only because insects developed tolerance to it and more potent mixtures became available) it’s still used in third world countries whose food products are then imported back into the United States un-inspected.

During their advertising campaign, the USDA printed over 20 million posters, with a picture of a mother, a bird a dog a chicken an apple a potato and a cow, which stated, DDT Good for You and Me! The poster then goes on to point out about ten reverse psychology reasons why DDT is good for you, for farms, and the environment.

The poet John Keats has identified the result quite well, he wrote, ‘the sedge is withdrawn from the lake, and no birds sing.’

When Rachel Carson wrote a book ‘Silent Spring’ she showed us that the biggest problem was not some individual chemical, however bad that may be, it created a great unknown about what all these chemicals turned into all by themselves in the environment.

Chemical companies and agencies of the US Government, from the USDA to the Department of the Treasury, calling her a ‘hysterical female’, and blaming her for starting a ‘subversive’ environmental movement, viciously attacked her person, not the quality of her work or its’ conclusions.

She was called ‘un-American’ for putting a small thing like people and animals are dying ahead of technological capitalism that biologically controls nature.

She is considered the modern day Joan of Ark to Organic advocates and remains one of this nation’s health hero’s; her book is listed on Republican think tanks as, ‘one of the top ten books found harmful for unrestrained economic development around the world.’

The reason I’ve spent so much time on this one is because DDT single handedly allowed ten thousand acre corporate farms to be formed by wall street investors planting a single crop, a practice that destroyed sustainable agriculture, allowed for the introduction of UFO’s (unidentified food objects) into the food chain, and destroyed the economics of small and family farms. In Wisconsin alone 31,655 farms have declined to just over 6,100, while 32,000 cow farms with exclusive contracts with Wal-Mart are cropping up all over the place.

• Asbestos, PCB’s, and Dioxin, amounted to about thirty million deaths and untold genetic and DNA damage to future generations (numerous cancers and almost all asthma, ADHD, and toxic shock due to cellular penetration can be linked to these toxins) Many towns located next to these production facilities have been wiped off the map (Love Canal comes to mind) with their inhabitants poisoned and genetically damaged, with Madison Wisconsin perhaps next in line, home of Monsanto’s Roundup herbicide.

• At large the herbicides (roundup 2-4-5-dT is agent orange) and pesticides (nerve gas) kill about one million per year and genetically damage another 25,000,000—note: the reason genetic and DNA damage by agent orange was denied by the US military for 30 years was because if any investigation was begun it would soon be discovered that it was being applied to nearly every field in the United States—to avoid this discovery, a new disease was invented, PTSD (last year, 1.7 million people were diagnosed with cancer and 522,000 died horrible deaths; in the early 1900’s there were so few cancers that people didn’t even know what the word meant)

• and synthetic sugar (high fructose corn syrup and aspartame) kills and or maims another 322,000 per year— aspartame (equal), 25 times sweeter than beet or cane sugar, is a medically proven neural toxin causing seizures

and synaptic disruption (this product makes us fatter and dumber) and is used almost exclusively in soft drinks with each person drinking 600 cans per year.

• Note: the fact that equal (aspartame) is low calorie is just another part of the big fat lie, because any calories, if the body can’t process them turns to fat. 600 cans of soda is 112 pounds of body fat and 25 times sweeter really means that acceleration of chemical processes associated with sugar are increased 25 times—are you hungry? How about 25 times hungry!

This product creates exactly the same metabolic damage to the human body as does chronic alcohol use (which is a form of sugar addiction), while most people would think twice about giving a 5 year old a beer they don’t think twice about putting a soda in their hands); and high fructose corn syrup damages liver enzymes and turns on the hunger response in the brain

One or the other sweetening product is in 95% of human and pet food sold today, from kibbles to donuts (they make us hungry, even though we’ve just eaten, the only reason it’s put in food, they know exactly what they’re doing),

Additionally, when heated, aspartame turns into a first cousin of formaldehyde, used in embalming dead people and not really much good for living things

This government-sponsored butchery has a broad-spectrum approach, for example, a required treatment by the FDA (for insurance purposes), chemotherapy (with a positive response rate of .009, one out of a thousand) along with its’ parent cancer, is a component in an organized process that kills 522,000 people per year.

One treatment pack costs 46,000. dollars and each round of treatment is 12 packs, and treatment is usually three rounds); even if the chemo cured your cancer (it never has), the chemo dissolves and disintegrates the brain and internal organs— why do they do this? Chemo absolutely guarantees that you are a dead person, meaning that even if your cancer went

into remission on its own (some do) you’re still dead from chemo and your family is bankrupt.

There are some promising alternative treatments in the works, but to get into these FDA controlled study trials, FDA says you get chemo and radiation first, and if that doesn’t work (they know it kills you), then you can try some alternative treatment—it’s criminal.

(Special notice here) the FDA has spent 60 million tax dollars over 14 years to put a Houston Texas doctor in jail (he’s still free and practicing) who uses a non-toxic gene therapy with a 27% cure rate for terminal cancer patients— problem, the doctor invented the process and holds the patents, manufactures his own natural genetic peptides and not some pharmaceutical company and charges little more than production costs.

Over these years the FDA has willingly allowed over 18 million people to die, while they maintain trumped up charges in a phony legal battle to steal his patents: See the video, it’ll bring you to both anger and tears: in one of his many court trials, a FDA prosecutor (who is now the director of the FDA) says, ‘ that his treatment works is irrelevant, he’s not following accepted practice.’ I guess accepted practice is to let people die. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Be1ihuZNg84>).

Where is the medical community during all this, as no one has stepped up to the plate in his defense? Not a single straightforward doctor in the whole damn country, although all have taken an oath to do no harm.

Using this on-going incident as a model, it’s not hard to predict there won’t be much of a cure for anything anytime soon—lots of approved drugs, but no cures, it’s bad for this 840 billion dollar business.

When is the last time you’ve heard a doctor say, ‘ I’m not going to give you any drugs, because if you don’t start eating a natural organic bio-dynamic diet (meat and raw dairy), lay off of gene altering synthetic grains and organ and brain killing sugar, you’re going to die a prolonged and painful death, better sooner than later?’

Personally, I think doctors should be required by law to limit their practice to the elimination and cure of infectious diseases. Almost everything else they do is a cover-up for a toxic national food system.

The gruesome and indefensible part, evidence from internal corporate memos shows these government agencies knew of the dangers before any of these toxic products were used on farms and people, but used them anyway, and continue to do so with new ones.

Of the last 8,000 applications to the EPA for the use of agriculture and food chemicals, not one chemical was actually tested for animal or human toxicity nor was an environmental impact study

done (application fees to the EPA average 350,000. dollars for each product and are usually approved within 60 days, and faster if you are a registered supplier).

Although a very small sample, the above acts of deliberate public food poisoning exist within an area of gray between what government regulators say they are doing to protect the consumer and what they are actually doing to protect their corporate clients, and the consumer ends up as collateral damage.

The mechanics of the way in which harmful public regulation, or lack of regulation at all, is hinged on a swinging door policy where employees of chemical and pharma companies are appointed to director positions of Government agencies, which are supposed to be regulating these same companies, and then after doing their damage float back to their parent companies. It’s the way Washington does business.

This system is so perfected, that chemical, agricultural and pharma and war industries no longer have to waste time and money lobbying government officials, they are government officials. The present director of the FDA came from Elan Pharmaceuticals; Rumsfeld came from Searle Industries; Chaney from Brown & Root; the Bush’s from Oil, International Banking and the Carlyle Group (by invitation only investors). The list goes on and when they’ve done their ‘public service’ they go back to the rock they crawled out from under.

In this way, although overwhelming scientific research exists, all decisions involving food and drugs are political, are driven by profit motives, and have nothing to do with any of the best interests of the American population. Humans appear to be harvested like livestock for the trillion dollar death industries, with yearly health ‘care’ costs exceeding 840 billion dollars.

Granted, if you don’t know what is truly going on, it’s difficult to criticize someone for good intentions that fail; only these so called good intentions were and are being designed to fail. For example, Government agrees with us that A is the problem, designs big expensive plans to get to B (our best interest), but somehow we always get to C or D or F (their best interest).

Something to think about here: if someone reaches out to give you a helping hand, and kills you in the process, are you morally obligated to thank them with your dying breath? Would you feel any differently if you knew for a fact that from the beginning they didn’t care if you lived or died?

Read more in issue 2 of the Hocak Worak on the Historical Data of Legalized Killing Events in the United States.



Jo Deen Lowe sworn in as Chief Judge

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On January 9, 2012, Jo Deen Lowe was sworn in as the Chief Judge of the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. This makes her the Ho-Chunk Nation's first female Chief Judge and the fourth Chief Judge in the court's history.

Lowe is filling the seat of former Chief Judge Todd Matha, who resigned from his position on April 30, 2011. Matha was elected to the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court in July 2011. Since the court inception, in 1995, others appointed to the Chief Judge position are Mark Butterfield and William Bossman. Associate Judge Amanda Rockman served as the court's first "Interim" Chief Judge from May 2011 to January 2012.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution "grants the Legislature the power to appoint the Chief Judge and any Associate Judges of the Trial Court." The Ho-Chunk

Nation's Judicial Act reads: If the Legislature fails to fill any vacancy on the Trial Court within ninety (90) days of its occurrence, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall have the authority and the duty to appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy. The Chief Judge position was in the Ho-Chunk Nation Job posting from May 2011 into January 2012.

Chief Judge Jo Deen Lowe is the daughter of Chloris Lowe Sr. and Anita Lowe, the granddaughter of the late Martin and Mable (Davis) Lowe of the Indian Mission, and the late Will and Bessie (White) Nemitz of Alma Center. Her Ho-Chunk name is Ahugiparawinga. She graduated from New Lisbon High School, Winona State University (B.S. Paralegal Studies in 1981), and University of Wisconsin Law School (1985).

Her biography read: She has served the Ho-Chunk Nation as a staff attorney, having worked with the Constitutional revision and



Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Mary Jo B. Hunter administers the Oath of Office to Jo Deen Lowe.

gaming litigation support, then subsequently served as the Nation's first Attorney General. Additionally she has previously been elected to the Nation's Supreme Court as an Associate Justice. Her legal career has also taken her to the Menominee tribe where she served as a tribal prosecutor, to the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin where she worked on transactional business matters, membership and housing issues and served as legal counsel to that Nation's investment board. She has also work for Wisconsin Judicare's Indian Law unit representing tribes and tribal interests in the days prior to the advent of gaming in Wisconsin, and played a role in assisting with the training of lay advocates

for tribal courts. Jo Deen is a former District Attorney for Jackson County appointed by the Governor of Wisconsin. Most recently she served as the Deputy Attorney General for the Forest County Potawatomi Community where she secured a tribal courts development grant to fully fund a prosecutor position for three years to allow for a consistent in-house legal advisor for the Indian Child Welfare and Child Support offices.

Ms. Low has served the State Bar Board of Governors for many years and was a member of its Access to Justice Committee, which secured funding from the State to expand the access of lower-income residents to legal counsel.

She lives near Tomah, Wisconsin. She has two brothers, Chloris Jr. of New Lisbon, Wisconsin and William (Rebecca) of Reedsburg, Wisconsin and she enjoys gardening, golf, and spending time with her family.

Lance Long, Buffalo clan member, served as the emcee for the Oath of Office Ceremony. Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 presented the colors, as the Little Thunder singers rendered a welcome and Ho-Chunk flag song. Chloris Lowe Sr. gave an invocation prayer. President Greendeer gave the opening remarks and congratulated Lowe. As he read her biography, he said, "She enjoys gardening, golf, and spending time with family. And I hope she likes spending time at work."

Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Jo B. Hunter administered the oath of office. The Chief Justice had a slip of the tongue when she asked Lowe to "raise your right hand." Chief Judge Lowe gave remarks; she said she looks forward "to working with old friends, working for her people, and being close to family."



Chloris Lowe Sr. gives the invocation prayer as his daughter, the newly appointed Chief Judge of Trial Court, Jo Deen Lowe looks on.



Little Thunder singers render a Ho-Chunk flag song at the Oath of Office Ceremony.



Honor song for Chief Judge Jo Deen Lowe.



The 2011 NFC North regular season is over

Submitted by Ho-Chunk tribal member Jim Lincoln

My crystal football once again correctly foretold the outcome of the regular season’s end for the NFC Northern division teams. Who could have predicted all the stories that unfolded before us each weekend? All the high hopes of conference titles and division championships of last September are coming to fruition for only 8 teams are left in the chase of the Lombardi trophy. I will tell my version of the 2011 tale for each team of the NFC North.

Vikings- Interim Head Coach Leslie Frasier finished the 2010 season with high hopes and left fans feeling of good things to come, but let’s see what happened. As I recall 3 wins & 13 non wins equal a (1) alone in the cellar of the NFC north. And (2) I said the Vike’s would try many at the premier position in all of football; McNabb clanked his last pass to the ground as a Viking during week 5. Then Ponder took over, flashed in the pan, and then was injured. Joe Webb stepped in, was OK and then Ponder came back, was asked to act as a decoy so Percy Harvin could take a shot at completing a down field pass. Lack of confidence is established in the young Ponder as he was helped off the field in game 16. On another note, Donovan could only stand holding a clipboard for 7 weeks after being benched he then asked for

and was granted his release. All after being paid about one million dollars for each game he tossed a ball in and costing the team draft choices in 2012 and 2013. And finally (3) my free advice to the Vikings organization was for them to win just run the ball baby. Adrian ran hard until he was injured, Toby Gerhart came on strong but ended the season tearing his ACL, Jared Allen had a great year, but the official Vikings stat sheet notes 516 pass attempts vs. 418 rushing attempts, what happens? More passes than rushing equaled 13 non wins, always next year right Viking fans?

Da-Bears- Started the 2011 season with 7 wins and 3 losses which kept Bear fans talking smack right up to the team allowing the 110th sack of quarterback Jay Cutler in three seasons. Was this why Jay openly argued with the offensive coordinator’s play calling and is rarely seen with a smile on his face? But during the play after QB Cutler is sacked for the 23rd time in this season, he jammed his thumb trying to tackle the defender he threw an interception to. Cutler coddled his thumb as he watched Caleb Heine and Josh McCown lead the team through a 6 game losing streak to finish the season at 8-8. Windy city fans openly begged the General Manager to go after the newly released Chicago native Donovan McNabb and make him a

Bear, apparently the real “Papa Bear” wanted that too because long time GM, Jerry Angelo was relieved of his duties, the argumentative offensive coordinator Mike Martz and his quarterback coach Shane Day departed stating “philosophical differences” in how the offense should operate as the reason. Well at least head coach Lovie Smith is now down to 2 ex-head coaches helping him on that team. It looks like a re-building season next year for windy city fans. And yes Da-Bears finish out of the playoffs and next to the bottom as predicted.

Lions- The prediction was they would make a run in the playoffs but the pride of Detroit took a different road in getting to the big dance than the other playoff teams. It involved a lot of smack talking backed up by very aggressive behavior and actions. Kyle Vanden Bosch just looked aggressive, nasty and wild with those red eye contacts he wore each game day; Ndamukong Suh started his “bad boy” tactics in the pre-season by “ndamn” near twisting an opposing quarterback’s head off. Even the head coach appeared to have “gone wild” just after a post game hand shake. The “pride” definitely earned the distinction of being the most penalized and fined team during the 2011 regular season. We watched flags fly for normal things like helmet to helmet hits, numerous face



Aaron Rodgers, MVP of Super Bowl XLV.

masks, but things got crazy with the chop blocking, a foot to the crotch, and head slamming topped off with a foot stomping. Ndamukong just should have said he was “suh-ry” instead of that goofy comment he made. Anyway, a run in the playoffs would have meant beating the Saints so I was only part right on that one.

Packers- Oh baby! Top seeded team in the NFL playoffs. Sure looks like this prediction is in line too, and that was many of this teams players would be picked to play in the game nobody

watches but none will play because they will be getting ready for the pinnacle of games. The big game that all 32 teams strive for each season this year will be played in Indianapolis on February 5th. Many offensive team records and NFL records now have new names on them. You know the names; the whole country knows those names. Yes this 2011 team is special and now is the time for us to sit back and watch the rest of the prediction unfold starting with the Giants...

Go Pack Go!



Packers bouncing Da- Bears at Lambeau Field.

Ho-Chunks celebrate New Year’s Eve

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For many tribal members who were starving for a pow-wow, and just had to get their fix in, it was well taken care of New Years Eve. In mid November, tribal member Robert Blackdeer was asked to help seek funds from the Legislature and was successful. The Legislature approved the committee’s request and they were off in several directions to pull off a pow-wow for everyone to enjoy.

One of the first things noticeable was the change of location. We all know, when we have the New Years Eve Pow-Wow it is usually in the smaller building at the Tomah Fairgrounds. The Committee selected the bigger of the Buildings at the Fairgrounds to accommodate everyone and so it would have better heating for the young and the elderly.

With a few minor Head Staff changes, the New Years Eve Pow-Wow was off to a good start with Wisconsin Dells singing the Grand Entry Song as the Joseph J. White American Legion Post #442 brought in the Eagle Staff and Colors around the arena. Pipestone, travelling all the way from LCO, offered the Flag Song. Arena Director, Gerald Cleveland, went right down the line with Ho-Chunk drums singing the Four Service Songs (Bear Heart with the Air Force Song, Wazi Jaci with the Army Song, Wisconsin Dells with the Marine Corps Song, and Little Thunder with the Navy Song).

There was much dancing as Ho-Chunk Station sang and gave the crowd some good songs during their intertribals. As the night went on there was a giveaway put on by the family of the outgoing New Year’s Eve Sobriety Princess,



Joseph J. White American Legion Post #442 bringing the Eagle Staff and Colors during Grand Entry, Tomah New Year’s Eve Sobriety Pow-Wow 2012 Princess Savannah L. Brown and Tomah New Year’s Eve Sobriety Pow-Wow Brave 2012 Donovan Collins.

Margarita Hernandez-White. She served as the New Years Eve Sobriety Pow-Wow Princess for two terms.

There was also a contest and dance special in which two new young Ho-Chunks were chosen to represent the 2012 New Year’s Eve Sobriety Pow-wow. Donovan Collins was chosen to be our new Brave and will be donning a new War Bonnet and Cape. Savannah Brown was Crowned Princess. Both the Crown and War Bonnet were beautiful additions to their dance outfits. Congratulations to both

Donovan and Savannah, your parents must be so proud!

Another event that got some good singing going was the “Iron Woman Scrub Special”. The objective of the special was that contestants were to stay in the arena and dance till they dropped; the drum groups singing were asked to keep singing too so there was no break between changing of songs. Once one drum was done with their Hinuk Nawa, the next drum would take off at full speed for the next song.

On one side of the arena, teen appliqué danced and on the other side the

women battled it out. In the beginning they all made it look easy and there were quite a few participating. But, they soon began to walk off and by the end, the women last standing were Lisa Stout, Yvonne Snake, and Gabby Rave. On the teen side, there was Zamantha Funmaker, Myshell Mike, Arianna GreenCrow, and Gaby Brinegar. They were all red-faced, breathing hard, and not smiling anymore!

As the songs went on, it was down to Zamantha and Arianna. As they scrubbed it out against each other, Zamantha was finally congratulated by a member of the pow-wow committee after dancing six fast paced songs. In true Champion fashion, many of the young ladies who participated waited for the contest to finish so they could shake hands and show their support. While on the other side, the adult women were scrubbin away. Lisa hung in there and had a lot of crowd support, but she smiled and walked off the dance arena to a refreshing drink of water to catch her breath.

Yvonne and Gabby were left to have a Scrub Off; both were fan favorites. It was really good to seasoned Applique Dance Champions having fun out there, even though they definitely wore their game faces as they scrubbed against time, and each other. A member of the pow-wow committee had eventually tapped Gabby out and Yvonne was declared the Winner of the Iron Woman Scrub Special. Ladies you all looked very beautiful out there. I witnessed many young (future applique dancers), pointing and telling their Gaga and Nanis they wanted to dance like the big girls. Such an inspiration for

our young girls, who will someday be out there dancing against each other too, whether it is in the style of applique, fancy, or jingle.

Normally at our Ho-Chunk pow-wows, exhibition dancing takes place by category, but the night was just right as M.C. Terry Fiddler announced the intertribals and the next portion of the Contest Dance. For those of you not familiar with the contest dance, this is where the dancer is given a gourd and they dance while shaking the gourd in time to the drum and song. The ladies went first. They held that gourd up high and jammed as Wisconsin Dells and Bear Heart sang the songs requested. It was really fun to watch and listen to. It brought out some good feelings (for many) listening to the songs and watching the dancers stop on time to the songs. It was old hat for Vicki Hindsley as she would go on to win the mini contest.

The food was good and one of my favorites on the menu was Penny Ybarra’s frybread, light, fluffy, and all-around scrumptious. The Tomah Youth Services group well assisted Marty and Penny with the meal. The kids and the Ybarra’s did an awesome job and had food serving all night; many were able to receive a large gallon size Ziploc of take home eats filled with ham, soup, or frybread.

As the night wrapped up, there was the inevitable timing of the stroke of twelve; no one turned into a pumpkin, but it was definitely noisy. The Pow-Wow committee passed out noise makers, hats, and necklaces, and of course the last song of the evening “the Love One Another song”.

The new look of security for the Nation

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Andrew Lopez, Security Officer for the Department of Administration was one of the first Security Officers to wear the Departments new uniform. A few changes that will subtly occur for all Security Officers of the Nation’s Administrative Security are on the way, in terms of assessing the needs of each facility and their department’s current operating procedures.

Aesthetically, the uniform reflects the duties of the Bear Clan and honors the Clan symbol of the Bear that sits atop, watching over the Nation on the new Badge that Security will wear. Also, for members to distinguish a Security Officer’s background as only Ho-Chunk tribal members will wear the patch of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Flag proudly on their right chest. All other

non tribal members will proudly wear the American Flag on their right chest.

Officer Lopez is one of the newest members of the Administrative Security staff, as he has transferred from his Security post at Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls. Lopez assisted in helping select appropriate attire for the Security staff.



Security Officer Andrew Lopez wearing the new look of Security for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Moving toward problem solving without English

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Editor

On December 15-17, 2011, Ho-Chunk tribal members (comprised of apprentices, teachers, and members of the traditional court) made their way to the Mohican Northstar Casino; not to play their favorite penny machine or to check out the craps table, but to attend the Wisconsin Tribal Language Teacher Training Workshop titled, “Accelerated Second Language Acquisition” (ASLA). The main purpose was to learn a new technique for effective language instruction and acquisition in the classroom which was led by Dr. Stephen Neyooxet Greymorning.

According to the University of Montana Website, *Dr. Greymorning holds joint positions in Anthropology and Native American Studies. Professor Greymorning’s research interests include Native American language maintenance and restoration, Indigenous sovereignty issues and contemporary Native American issues.*

After receiving his Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma in 1992, he served as the Director of the Arapaho Language and Culture Project for the Wyoming Indian Schools. He has also been a faculty member at the University of Montana since 1994. While maintaining academic interests in Native sovereignty issues, his work in developing

strategies toward Native language restoration has continued. In this capacity Neyooxet serves as the Executive Director of Hinono’etiit Ho’oowu’ (Arapaho Language Lodge) in Wyoming, a position that has been instrumental in his development of a breakthrough method for second language instruction and acquisition called Accelerated Second Language Acquisition (ASLA).

With assistance from University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Native American Center’s Director Andrew Gokee, who coordinated and organized the event in collaboration with the CREATE Wisconsin American Indian Student Achievement Network, the training would not have been able to take place. Gokee said, “Dr. Greymorning is in high demand and is not an easy guy to nail down.” With a limited number of participants able to register, some were turned away due to reaching maximum capacity. Luckily, sixteen of our Ho-Chunk tribal members were able to join in and attend.

Upon checking in, all participants were required to sign an agreement that acknowledged Dr. Greymorning as the developer of the ASLA methodology, assuring in writing that participants will agree to respect his copyrighted materials.

According to Gokee, Dr. Greymorning developed his unique language instruction methodology over a period of eight years.

Gokee made mention that some language instructors may have entered into the training a bit skeptical. He explained however, that “seeing is believing”; to really understand the technique and to know it was going to work took patience, and seeing it in action. Acquiring language through this method is not through memorization, this approach “attempts to replicate natural language acquisition through the use of imagery,” explained Gokee. For example, Dr. Greymorning described how a baby learns their first words. They understand words before they can say the words themselves, through association with images. They know that their mom’s face means “mom”, and they associate meaning with mom’s image.

The following is a very basic description of the methodology:

ASLA is comprised of 20 Skill Sets, however through the 3 day training, only the first six sets were covered. Each skill set scaffolds off the previous skill set(s) to produce a sequence of experiences which assist the learner in acquiring the desired concepts. All concepts are represented by pictures which attaches images to the associated word or phrase. The images form a landscape that in a way replicates that of the natural world. It should also be noted the instructor insist on no repetitive drilling, which might encourage the student to think in English. In time the students begin to acquire additional language concepts while thinking in the target language.

From Day One to Day Three, a total of 180 images were learned in the Arapaho language through this process, which began with four simple pictures. Going back to “seeing is believing”, Ho-Chunk tribal member Cecil Garvin put Dr. Greymorning to the test. While using the same imagery, Garvin tried his hand at utilizing the technique, but this time in Ho-Chunk. Assuming the role of student, Dr. Greymorning was able to demonstrate that his technique works; in a matter of minutes he was understanding and speaking several Ho-Chunk words.

The purpose of the ASLA training is to assist tribal language teachers with producing proficient tribal language speakers. It stands to reason that if we begin to produce more proficient tribal language speakers, we might someday hear our tribal languages used more regularly.

Kerejusep, otherwise known as Eli Youngthunder,



Books, magazines & the internet provide images utilized in language instruction.



Rita Kingswan, Eli Youngthunder, Cecil Garvin, JoAnn Jones, & Roy Greengrass listen and learn about a new teaching tool.

commented on the need to increase regular use of the Ho Chunk language: “As we all know, Indigenous people around the world are losing their culture by means of discontinued use of the native language. Ho-Chunk is no different. With the loss of language comes the loss of culture and identity. The goal is to revitalize and make the language a living language to be used on a daily basis, not a separate entity to be used in isolation.”

Ho-Chunk tribal member and language apprentice, Rita Kingswan said, “the Black River Falls and Tomah High School will be using what we learned this coming semester, and they’ll be trying to use the technique at the Immersion Daycare as well.” She also noted that some [apprentices/

teachers in training?] that have their own Hocak classes are also going to attempt to use the method.

In closing, Kerejusep said, “The session was helpful and gave us another tool to use on students, family and ourselves. The overarching concept, immersion, I agree with. It is important that we as the teachers use the language more than we do, and this would be good practice. My personal concern was keeping a students’ attention on a daily basis using the same method, however I have not tried so I cannot disagree. As stated above, this will be another way for us to learn and/or teach the language.”



Language apprentices & instructors ponder their instructional creativity (Oneida & Ho Chunk).



Dennis Funmaker and Conroy Greendeer jot down a few more notes while others listen intently.



Dr. Greymorning walks through the imagery landscape as Andrew Gokee (Ojibwe) tests his newly acquired knowledge of the Arapaho language.

I came across the following information flipping through Indian Country Today and found the following content interesting and wanted to share it with you. The following was originally submitted by Suzan Shown Harjo, Cheynee/Hodulgee Muscogee, an award-winning columnist and a poet, writer; curator and policy advocate, who has helped Native Peoples to protect sacred places and recover more than one million acres of land.

~ Tracy Pecore, Editor

2011 Hall of Fame and Mantle of Shame

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FAME: President Barack Obama, for making good on most of his 2008 Native American campaign promises in his first three years. He opened the third White House Tribal Nations Conference on December 2 by reiterating important accomplishments. “That’s what change is,” he said. “It’d be nice to say that the work was done, but we know the truth....We’ve got a long road ahead. But I believe that one day we’re going to be able to look back on these years and say that this was a turning point. This was the moment when we began to build a strong middle class in Indian country...the moment when we stopped repeating the mistakes of the past and began building a better future together—one that honors old traditions and welcomes every Native America into the American Dream....You have an Administration that understands the challenges that you face and, most importantly, you have a President who has your back.”



President Barack Obama, seen here meeting with Elouise Cobell, made Harjo’s 2011 Hall of Fame.

SHAME: Pentagon Personnel in Charge of Code Names, for reaching back a century to take a gratuitous swipe at Chiricahua Apache leader Geronimo as an enemy and to equate him with the most-wanted terrorist in the world. Native American People barely had time to absorb the news that the heroic Navy SEALs had taken Osama bin Laden when we were slapped with the fact that he was confirmed dead as “Geronimo E-KIA (Enemy Killed In Action).” The outcry from Geronimo’s relatives, Native veterans and tribal leaders was immediate and sharp, and has yet to be answered. It’s time for the Pentagon to retire Native historical figures as codenames for enemies and to discontinue using the term “Indian country” to mean enemy territory.

FAME: Language Warriors: Cherokee Nation, for its stellar language programs and for lowering the flags to half staff in honor of the passing of Steve Jobs, whose decision it was to digitize Cherokee scholar Sequoyah’s syllabary. **Richard A. Grounds**, Euchee, and **Darrell R. Kipp**, Blackfeet, for their dedicated immersion work on the Euchee and Blackfeet languages, respectively. **Lakota Language Consortium**, for a Lakota language children’s cartoon, The Berenstain Bears, or Math’ó Waúŋšila Thiwáhe—The Compassionate Bear Family, and **South Dakota Public Broadcasting** and all stations that carry it, and **ICTMN.com** for posting it on its website. **Suzanne Benally**, Navajo/ Santa Clara Tewa, **Jennifer Weston**, Hunkpapa Lakota, and **Cultural Survival**, for promoting revitalization of Indigenous Peoples’ heritage languages.

SHAME: Perpetrators of Violence Against Native American Women. One in five women in America is assaulted in her lifetime, while one in three Native American women is raped. Crimes against Native women have reached emergency levels, with a murder rate on some reservations that is 10 times the national rate. Tribal and federal prosecutors are coordinating their efforts through a task force on violence against Native women, and

the new Tribal Law and Order Act is being used to address women’s safety.

FAME: Native Youth & Buffalo Nickel Creative, for “That’s My People,” a PSA starring delegates to the 2011 National Intertribal Youth Summit in Santa Fe, New Mexico. **Sicangu Lakota Students**, for “Our Youth Are More Than That,” a video response to the ABC program on poverty on the Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation, South Dakota, by two classes of students on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation, South Dakota. The **1491s** for “Smiling Indians,” “Geronimo E-KIA” and a year of inspiration and laughs by Native filmmakers, performers and writers in Minnesota and Oklahoma.

SHAME: Forest Service and Department of Agriculture, for fighting Hopi, Navajo and other nations in and out of court for decades and for the current effort to protect the Arizona Snowbowl and its plans to use treated sewage water to make snow on the San Francisco Peaks. In an otherwise impressive 2011 White House Tribal Nations Conference Progress Report, there is a single item under Protection of Sacred Sites and Repatriation of Human Remains and Cultural Items: “In July 2010, USDA and the Forest Service began a comprehensive effort across Indian Country focused on improving federal approaches to sacred-site issues. Over 50 national and local forest listening sessions with tribal governments have been conducted to inform recommendations for improvement.” Some who made statements at the sessions note that the draft report does not reflect that anyone actually listened. The report has been met with a collective raspberry by those who know the issues.

FAME: U.S. Army Secretary John McHugh, for taking swift action to remove and discipline those in charge of the Arlington National Cemetery after it was discovered that some remains were buried in the wrong graves, some graves were not marked correctly and that one grave contained one body buried ontop of another. The Army and other military services for continuing to repatriate Native remains and to return those killed in action in a respectful manner.

SHAME: Desecrators, Federal: Air Force and Civilian Personnel at Dover Air Force Base and Elsewhere, for discarding partially cremated remains of at least 274 American troops in a landfill in Virginia—rather than disposing of them in a dignified manner as their families authorized—along with 1,762 unidentified remains (reported by The Washington Post, December 7).

FAME: Occupy Wall Street, for forcing discussions on income inequality, corporate greed, economic disparity between the upper 1 percent of Americans (who own most of the wealth in the country) and the other 99 percent (who don’t) and attacks on public programs and services for children, elders, the vulnerable and the poor in a time when the national poverty rate has never been higher. **Native People in Occupy Albuquerque, D.C., and elsewhere**, for instructing that “occupy” was an unfortunate word choice and that occupations have had disastrous consequences for Indigenous Peoples in this hemisphere and worldwide.

SHAME: Desecrators, Federal: National Park Service NAGPRA Office Personnel, for continuing to advise repositories that they may, but are not required, to return over 800,000 funerary objects associated with more than 126,000 Native American remains that the repositories failed to identify. Most remains can best be culturally identified through the precious things they were buried in and with, which were dug up with them. In other words, these collectors are being told to give grandma back for reburial, but it’s up to them to decide to keep or return her burial shoes, clothes, jewelry, religious items and other property of the deceased. If the remains cannot be culturally identified, they are of no scientific value and should be given to those Native Peoples who have set aside land for reburial



Suzan Shown Harjo, Cheynee/Hodulgee Muscogee, an award-winning columnist and a poet, writer; curator and policy advocate.

of unknown Indians.

FAME: Warren Buffett, for calling for tax increases on the super-rich, including those in the investor’s own billionaire bracket, who pay less income tax than their employees who are not rich. Elizabeth Warren (candidate for U.S. Senate in Massachusetts), for calling attention to the schools, roads and fire and police forces “the rest of us paid for” and reminding: “There is nobody in this country who got rich on his own. Nobody.”

SHAME: Desecrators, Tribal: Poarch Band of Creek Indians, for building a casino on top of Hickory Ground (in Wetumpka, Alabama), a sacred place and the last capitol of the Muscogee Confederacy before forced removal to Indian Territory. As the Muscogee (Creek) Nation described in an October 24 Resolution, “while the Oce Vpofa people carried the ceremonial fire with them to establish Hickory Ground in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) they still return to Hickory Ground and hold it sacred in both memory and practice....Hickory Ground is now being desecrated and severely damaged by commercial operations and large expanses of asphalt paving that cover the landscape, including burials of Oce Vpofa people, disinterred by the unrelated party (Poarch)....” Muscogee and Oce Vpofa leaders sought help from the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), but Poarch leaders claimed it was an Indian-against-Indian situation and anti-gaming, and stopped NCAI from stepping in. Anticipating this, Muscogee Nation had written: “This Resolution is not an attack on Indian gaming, as Tribes and Nations, generally and including the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, have found no problem in constructing gaming facilities which are not on the burials or sacred places of any people, whether Native or not....”

FAME: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, NCAA & Native Students at UND, for persisting, despite threats and abuse, to end the race-based “Fighting Sioux” name of the University of North Dakota’s athletic program. UND decided to change the name, in the face of opposition by all but one of the Sioux tribes and all but the same tribe in North Dakota; a lawsuit filed against university and state officials by six UND Native American students; and NCAA-predicted sanctions against UND’s winning hockey team if the name were not changed. “Fighting Sioux” fans continue to fight for the name with a lawsuit against the NCAA and threatened statewide votes, even if they jeopardize UND’s post-season status.

SHAME: Washington D.C.’s NFL Football Team Owners, for another year of clinging to the team’s disparaging name; another year of trying to convince anyone that the name honors Native Peoples; another year of litigation (with Native young people in Blackhorse et al v. Pro Football, Inc., pending before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office); and another losing season (historical footnote: the team hasn’t been to a Super Bowl since we first filed suit against the name in 1992—just saying). This year’s record is one of the worst and, with 27 games straight of turning over the ball, they may have found their new name: Washington Turnovers.

Read more:<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/01/02/70245-70245> <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/01/02/70245-70245#ixzz1j63sH4yg>

Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) Native American Student Summer Internship Program

Submitted by Jerry Thompson – WTCAC Program Manager

The Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) is advertising thirteen (13) summer internship positions, headquartered in various USDA Agency offices in Wisconsin, for **Native American students** pursuing degrees in Natural Resources, Biological Sciences, Agriculture, or Agricultural Business. Rural Development (RD) will also accept applicants pursuing Business Administration, Finance, Economics, or Management degrees. These will be USDA Earth Team Volunteer positions, employed by WTCAC, with potential training and work experiences at nearby Tribal Nations.

WTCAC has Internship positions available at the following locations. At the present time funds exist to fill 6 of the positions. Additional positions may be filled as funds become available. Only one application is necessary to apply for any, or all, of the identified internship positions. The WTCAC Board of Directors will determine which positions to fill at the end of the application period.

Ashland – USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – 1 position
- USDA Forest Service, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center – 2 positions
- Housing is possible

Hayward – USDA Forest Service – 1 position

La Crosse – USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine – 1 position

Oneida – USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – 1 position

Rhineland – USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – 1 position
- USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services – 1 position.

Shawano – USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – 1 position

Spooner – USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Rural Development – 1 position

Statewide – USDA Rural Development – 1 position

Watersmeet, MI – USDA Forest Service, JW Toumey Nursery – 2 positions
- Housing is available

See the individual announcements, for each of the locations, for information as to work duties, etc.

Position Information

- First day of work will be June 4th with an anticipated end date of August 10th.
- June 4th is Student Orientation at the USDA Service Center Office in Medford, WI.
- Each position will be employed for 10 weeks for a total of 400 hours @ \$12.50/hr.
- Federal holidays will be paid

but there is not any paid annual leave or sick leave. Student may work with Supervisor to schedule family vacations and other needed time off, and extend work period beyond August 10th to complete the 400 hours.

- From June 12th to 15th students will attend the UW Platteville Conservation Camp. (Tentative Date) WTCAC will cover all travel expenses and tuition. Enrolled Tribal members get priority for the 6 internship positions. If a position cannot be filled with an enrolled member, then it will be filled with other Tribal applicants. Application Information
- Application package should include:
 - o Resume
 - o Photocopy of a valid Driver's License.
 - o Copy of latest transcript (photocopy of an official transcript is acceptable)
 - o Letter of Interest describing why you want this position, future career goals, etc.

- Indicate in Letter of Interest which position/positions you are applying for. May apply for multiple positions with only one application. List them in priority order.
- Application deadline is February 24, 2012.
- Interviews will be the first two weeks of March with applicants selected by March 16th.
- Mail application package to: WTCAC, Attn: Jerry Thompson, E3200 1430th Avenue, Prairie Farm, WI 54762 or;
- Email application package to: WTCAC1@gmail.com
- Questions may be directed to Jerry Thompson at 715-821-0555 or at the above email.
- Internship information will also be posted on the WTCAC website; www.WTCAC.org

Biological Science Aid
- **Location: JW Toumey Nursery, Watersmeet, MI**
- **Housing Available**

- Potential for two positions: We will work with individual interns under the general position description below in order to tier to their desired experience.

- This position is located at a USDA, Forest Service tree nursery in Watersmeet, MI. The incumbent serves as a Biological Science Aid, assisting nursery personnel in bareroot nursery and greenhouse operations. The incumbent of the position will be asked to work on a variety of tasks to gain knowledge and understanding of nursery operations.

- The mission of 100-acre nursery is to demonstrate the highest standards of forest nursery management through the production of quality bareroot and container stock in an economic manner. We strive to be leaders in demonstrating new technology and providing technical assistance to all customers. These seedlings support programs for Lake States National Forests. Operations are broken down into six major areas: bareroot

operations, greenhouse operations, seed extraction, tree improvement, native plant program, and nursery tours. The nursery houses and stores the seed cache for the Forest Service Eastern Region.

Loan Specialist
- **Location: One position in one of the following locations Menominee, WI, Spooner, WI, Shawano, WI, Fond Du Lac, WI, Stevens Point, WI, Dodgeville, WI**

- This position is located in a USDA, Rural Development Office. The incumbent will assist the Rural Development agency with duties regarding the Water and Waste and Community Facility Loan Program and include some exposure to Multi Family Housing and Single Family Housing. The incumbent of the position may be asked to work in all program areas.

WTCAC Natural Resources Aid

- This position is located in a USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office and Rural Development Office in Spooner, Wisconsin and the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin Tribal Environmental Department in Hertel, WI. The incumbent serves as a natural resources aid, assisting the District Conservationist in the layout of and application of soil and water conservation practices. The incumbent will also assist the Rural Development agency with duties regarding the Single Family Housing programs of the Area Office and include Business & Community Programs and Multi Family Housing. Lastly the incumbent will assist tribal environmental/natural resources staff in the walleye culture program, wild rice monitoring, and water quality monitoring projects. The incumbent of the position may be asked to work in all program areas.

Natural Resources Intern

- This position is co-located in a USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office in Shawano, Wisconsin and the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin Environmental Services and Department of Trust Resources Offices in Keshena, Wisconsin. The incumbent serves as a natural resources aid, assisting the District Conservationist and the Environmental Specialist in the layout and application of soil and water conservation practices.

Natural Resources Intern

- This position is located in the Rhineland USDA Service Center, with potential collateral duties with the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Sokaogon Chippewa Community, and/or Forest County Potawatomi. The incumbent serves as a natural resources intern, assisting the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist and Soil Conservation Technician in the layout and application of soil and water conservation

practices. The duties are designed to provide experience and training in the application of a wide range of conservation principles and theories, in the planning and application of resource management systems.

Natural Resources Aid

- Location: Rhineland, WI
- This position is located in the USDA – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service – Wildlife Services (WS) District Office in Rhineland, WI. The incumbent serves as a natural resources aid, assisting the District Supervisor in providing services for a variety of cooperative wildlife damage management programs. Wildlife Services partners with a variety of agencies and groups, including Wisconsin Tribes, Wisconsin DNR, US Forest Service, and others. Services provided by WS in Wisconsin include nuisance black bear management, wolf depredation management, the protection of coldwater ecosystems, roads, bridges and forest resources from impacts caused by beaver, and the protection of crops and livestock from damage caused by bear, deer, turkeys and geese. Special projects related to wildlife damage management will be developed with a Tribal natural resources department in north central or north east Wisconsin.

WTCAC STUDENT INTERN

- This position is that of Student Intern for the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) and will be located in the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field office at the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. The position is intended for a college student seeking a career in a natural resources related field. The duties are designed to provide experience and training in the application of a wide range of conservation principles, and theories in the planning and application of resource management systems.

Natural Resources Aid

- Location: La Crosse, WI
- This position is located in a USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The incumbent serves as a natural resources aid, assisting the District Conservationist in the layout of and application of soil and water conservation practices. The incumbent will also assist the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service Plant Protection and Quarantine (APHIS-PPQ) as a plant health technician, assisting PPQ field personnel in providing regulatory plant pest detection surveys in Wisconsin. PPQ partners with a variety of agencies and groups, including Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection-Plant Health Division, industry and others. Services provided by PPQ in Wisconsin include domestic plant pest detection surveys, export certification of plant agricultural products,

and regulatory compliance inspections.

Conservation Youth Corps Leader

- Location: Hayward, WI
- This position is co-located at a USDA, Forest Service District Office and the Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Band of Chippewa Indians Conservation Department in Hayward, Wisconsin. Time will also be spent at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Office in Hayward. The incumbent serves as the crew leader of a 6-8 member conservation youth corps, and supervisor of an assistant crew leader. The Conservation Youth Corps (CYC) program was developed in 2009, through a partnership between the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Chippewa Indians (LCO), Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College (LCOOCC), the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and the USDA Forest Service (USFS). The CYC is a service-learning summer program, modeled on the Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) concept, designed for students from the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation. The crew will work with resource managers from each of the three partner agencies on their respective land bases on a variety of projects. The crew leader will be responsible for the day to day supervision of the crew and will be assigned additional projects to work on independently of the crew.

Natural Resources Aid

- Locations: Ashland, Red Cliff and Bad River Wisconsin

- This position is co-located in a USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office in Ashland, the Red Cliff Tribe Fisheries and Natural Resources unit, and the Bad River Natural Resources Unit in Northern Wisconsin. The incumbent will serve as a natural resource aid, assisting the three entities in the development and application of natural resources practices on private and tribal lands.

Visitor Services/Interpretive Guide

- Location: Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
- Ashland, WI
- Housing Possible
- Potential for two positions: We will work with individual interns under the general position description below in order to tier to their desired experience.

- The Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (NGLVC) serves as many as 160,000 visitors and regional residents as well as several thousand students per year. This 37,000 square foot facility is situated on 180 acres of land that adjoins the 200-plus acre Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge, within sight of Lake Superior. The facility has regional experiential learning, visitor, and community outreach missions. The Center is administered by a unique partnership of local,

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Ho-Chunk Nation Constitutional Reform Task Force: Forging forward

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Four years ago, the Ho-Chunk Legislature adopted the creation of the Constitutional Reform Task Force with Resolution 6-20-07 A “to conduct a comprehensive review of the areas of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Constitution that are identified as requiring change, modification, or amendment. “ The Task Force held its first meeting on July 26, 2008 at the House of Wellness in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Since that time, the group has met monthly, when their budget allowed for it, to review the constitution. Forrest Funmaker, a HCRTF member from Black River Falls, said, “our budget runs out prior to the year’s end” and preventing the Task Force from conducting public hearings on those issues identified as requiring reform.

On January 7, 2012, the HCRTF held its monthly meeting at the Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Convention Center. The HCRTF consists of 11 members; those present were Forrest Funmaker-Black River Falls, Christine Jendrisik-Madison, Jeanine Heffner-Milwaukee, Vicki Browneagle-Baraboo, Gloria Visintin-Wittenburg, Myrna Thompson-Wisconsin Rapids, Alicia Miner-St. Paul/Minneapolis. Green Bay and Tomah are currently unrepresented due to resignations. Paul Krause, HCRTF Chair, was excused from attendance. The Task Force has named three top priorities: Traditional Court, Disenrollment, and

Referendum Voting.

Funmaker presented the Task Forces’ concern to the Traditional Court regarding their “recognition” in the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. The Traditional Court is made up of clan leaders/elders who apply the Ho-Chunk Nation’s unwritten/common law. The Traditional Court provides testimony on land issues and assist the trial and supreme courts in matter of tradition and customs. Recently, in regards to the Badger Ammunition Plant land, the Traditional Court told Funmaker, “we aren’t respected anyway, by Legislature, or the President.”

The Task Force meeting discussion on the inclusion of the Traditional Court into the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution was favorable. Jendrisik said of our constitution, “there’s nothing Ho-Chunk in here. We have the Preamble in Hocaak.” Visintin said the Ho-Chunk Nation ought to “conduct business in our language. It is the greatest measure of who we are. (With our current constitution) We are governed, burdened, flawed.” Funmaker said, (culturally speaking)”the Traditional Court has the chance to be a powerful organization.”

Disenrollment would not require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Council if the DNA result did not qualify applicants for enrollment. Currently, to remove a member from the tribal rolls, members must submit DNA, go through tribal courts, and, lastly, receive two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Council to be officially removed. This

would eliminate the need to be removed at General Council if the DNA did not qualify the applicant/member.

The HCRTF will be approaching the Election Board on matters of Referendum Voting. The first question offered by the Task Force came from Alicia Miner. She said, (if we have Referendum voting) “What’s the use of having a General Council meeting?” She continued, “as it is, most (tribal members) don’t vote and need encouragement (like the \$100.00 at General Council).” Funmaker said Referendum voting would be preferable because “we (the Ho-Chunk Nation areas) are all spread out.” Jendrisik said, “(as tribal members) we have numerous ways to be heard (and Referendum Voting will increase our chances of being heard).” Visintin recommended Proxy voting to avoid “the tremendous travel expense”, which is commonly used by corporations. Funmaker also added that the Administration Committee of the Legislature notified him that they are working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to



Ada Deer, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, signs the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Constitution as Ona Garvin (I), Tracy Thundercloud (seated), and JoAnn Jones, President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, look on, Nekoosa, WI, November, 1994.

have General Council votes on Resolutions be carried over to count as Secretarial Election votes.

HCRTF members are elected by majority vote of tribal members at District Meetings and serve continuously until the Task Force completes the constitutional reform process and submit constitutional changes for adoption. Members receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses related to doing their duties, mileage, and a stipend.

HCRTF is an open meeting that meets on the fourth Saturday of the month unless

there’s a holiday. For 2012, the HCRTF will meet on January 28th, February 25th, March 24th, April 28th, May 19th, June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th, September 22nd, October 27th, November 10th, and December 8th, so mark your calendars if you want to attend.

HCRTF members receive two books as source material: *American Indian Constitutional Reform & the Rebuilding of Native Nations* by Eric D. Lemont, and *For Indigenous Eyes Only: A Decolonization Handbook* by Waiyatawin Angela Wilson & Michael Yellow Bird.

Summer Internship

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state and federal agencies. The six partners that cooperate to successfully manage the NGLVC are the Friends of the Center Alliance, the Wisconsin Historical Society, the University of Wisconsin-Extension, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service. The U.S. Forest Service acts as the lead agency for the partnership.

- Interns at the NGLVC will have opportunity to work with professionals from all six partners. Interns at the NGLVC in the past have led Youth Conservation Corps crews, presented conservation education programs to the public in our Northwoods Adventure Series, led kayak programs using science and culture curriculum on local

estuaries, and engaged in special projects in public relations, writing and partnering.

- Potential projects for 2012 include the implementation of a national children’s forest project, public conservation education programs for multiple age groups, management of service learning projects including trail maintenance, native seed orchard, and native garden upkeep. Projects in public relations to include creation of short stories and press releases about NGLVC programs and partners are anticipated. Participation in agri-forestry projects may be possible. Participation in linkages with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and the nations that belong to it is likely.

February – Nekoosa Area TERO - Workshops						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
	All Trainings will be held at the Rainbow Casino Conference Room					
	Please contact the HCN TERO Office at 715-284-5877 and ask to speak with a TERO Case Manager for workshop locations or more details.					
5	6	7	8 1:00-2:00pm Application Process 2:00-3:00pm Resume Writing	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 1:00 – 2:00 PM Resume Writing 2:00-3:00pm Self Confidence	17	18
19	20	21	22 1:00-2:00pm Interview Skills 2:00-3:00pm Keeping a job	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 9:00am - 3:00pm Telephone Dr. - Customer Service			



A valentine tip from Social Security

Submitted by Ken Hess – Social Security Public Affairs Specialist for WI

Valentine’s Day, February 14, makes this a popular time of year for proclamation of love. Such displays of affection can be as simple and sweet as a heart with a “be mine” message, or as life altering as a wedding vow before an altar.

If you happen to be a newlywed who is head over heels in love, you may not be focused on things such as taxes or Social Security, but you should be. If you plan to exchange your maiden name for a married name, including hyphenated names such as Smith-Jones, be sure you let Social Security know.

Telling us about your name change shortly after your marriage will help us accurately keep track of your earnings and will ensure that you and your family get the Social Security retirement, disability, and survivors coverage you’re entitled to. Also, if the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security records do not show the same name and Social Security number, your Federal income tax refund could be delayed.

If you continue to use your maiden name consistently throughout your working years, you do not need to contact us. However, if you decided to change your name letter, you should let us know so that we can update your Social Security record and send you a Social Security card with your new name.

There’s no need to pay someone else to mail in the information for you. Changing your name with Social Security is a quick, easy, and free service. Just go online to www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber, to learn what documents you need, and click on “Fill Out and Print an application (Form SS-5).” You also can call us at 800-772-1213 to obtain the form.

We will need the application along with a marriage certificate or divorce decree verifying your old and new names. If you were born outside the United States, you also need proof of your US citizenship or proof that you are lawfully living in the US. You can bring or email these documents to us.

Happy Valentine’s Day from Social Security.



Another marquee sign that has been updated and almost near completion at Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa.

ATTENTION
2011 Tax Document Information
that may affect you.

Greetings to all,

Please review the check list below and make sure that you have completed all items that are relevant to your situation.

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You will need to complete a new Form W-4 and/or WT-4 if your withholding allowances have changed. These forms are available online at: ho-chunknation.com under Treasury.

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If you claimed exempt status on your federal Form W-4 or your state form WT-4 you are required to complete a new form for 2012 by Feb. 15, 2012.

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Check the address that prints on your payroll check or direct deposit advice. Be sure to update your address with the Personnel Department.

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1099’s will be printed using the address verification supplied to the Enrollment Department.

ATTENTION

There is a \$5.00 charge for EACH COPY of the W-2 or 1099-M to be reprinted.

It is very important to make sure your current address is printed on your payroll check, per-cap check or direct deposit advice.

Chili Lunch

MENU

- Chili
- Frybread
- Cornbread
- & Dessert!

TRIBAL OFFICE BLDG. CAFETERIA
Friday, January 27
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Cost:

Sponsored by the
Dept. of Housing

2012 SEASON

District One Community Center

3 on 3 Basketball League

The 2012 Season for 3 on 3 Basketball is here!



Monday, February 6, 2012
6:00pm
District One Community Center Gym

Games will be held every Monday starting February 6, 2012.
Teams must submit their rosters by Friday, February 3, 2012.
Sign up as a team or an individual.
Season will be 8 weeks long followed by play-offs.
All players must be 18 years old.
Roster Forms are available at the District One Community Center!
We're Looking forward to another exciting season!
See you on the court!
Contact Melissa or Derris at 715-284-0904



Wanted: Experienced Roofers

TERO is looking for Ho-Chunk Tribal Members and members of other federally recognized tribes to join our Job Skills Bank.

- We are seeking individuals with experience roofing.
- If you are a member of a federally recognized tribe, sign up with a TERO Case Manager and let us know. We may have opportunities this spring and want to know who may be available.
- Contact us at 715-284-5877 and ask to speak with Audrey Littlewolf or Sage Funmaker.
- You can also stop in at W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

Monthly Board Meeting For Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HUD)

Thursday, January 19, 2012 - 6:00 PM
HHCDA at Tomah, corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue
Agenda items by noon, January, 12, 2012
Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222
HHCDA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222 Fax: (608) 374-1251

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
State of WI & Regina E. Funmaker, Petitioner, v. Randall M. Redcloud, Respondent.
Case : CS 11-70
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Randall M. Redcloud
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See *RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5*. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.
The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Daryl Waukau, Junior – Mauston High School, who recently competed in the Bi-State Wrestling Meet held at the La Crosse Center on December 29-30, 2011. Fifty-four teams from across the state and Minnesota competed in this event. Daryl, who is wrestling for the first time, finished in 8th place in the Heavyweight division. I would like to commend him for his outstanding achievement.

DALTON KYLE BLACKDEER



Born:
1-1-95
Passed:
12-2-11

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers and thoughts that were said on behalf of my son Dalton Kyle Blackdeer in our time of sorrow and grief. He will be truly missed by his parents, brothers, sisters and especially his grandmother Dale WhiteEagle. Then I want to thank Travis Cloud, his helpers and whoever else helped with the meals and a big thank you to Orvilla WhiteEagle for being there with us. I appreciate everyone, sorry if I left anyone out, there are too many to mention. Thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation.



*Happy Birthday to my daughter Mariah Eva Blackdeer 1-4-93,
my son Wade Heston Decorah 1-17-80 and
my granddaughter Justine Jayne Rasha 1-17-97
Rosaline Decorah and Bruce Blackdeer*



Kirby E. Thundercloud “Zazamani”

June 4, 1971 – December 28, 2011

Kirby E. Thundercloud, age 40, of Tomah and formerly of Black River Falls, passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 in his home.

Kirby Emanuel Thundercloud was born in Black River Falls on June 4, 1971 to Raymond and Judith Ann (Hopinkah) Thundercloud. He was raised in the Black River Falls area and attended Black River Falls High School where he earned numerous achievements as an All Conference football player and First Team Coulee Conference Wrestling Champion. He also was a member of the Homecoming Court. He graduated from Black River Falls High School in 1990. In 1991, Kirby attended Kicking Horse Job Corps in Ronan, MT and graduated from the Heavy Equipment Operator Program.

Kirby loved to sing with his brothers, the Thundercloud Singers. The brothers’ talents took them to pow-wows across North America including a national tour with Blues Traveler, the Allman Brothers Band, Dave Matthews Band, Sheryl Crow and numerous other award winning artists.

Kirby was eager to lend a hand to those in need. He cared for all those he called family and friends. He also inspired many as he came to make fitness a priority in his life and could be found encouraging others to join his mission.

He enjoyed running, biking, weight lifting and other forms of activity including competing in endurance runs and fitness challenges. He also volunteered with Tomah youth to teach Ho-Chunk singing and drumming.

Kirby will be greatly missed by the

friends he made through his travels and those who enjoyed his humor and company during his employment with Ho-Chunk Housing and Ho-Chunk Gaming.

Kirby is survived by his parents, Raymond and Judith Ann Thundercloud; a brother, Zachary Thundercloud; a sister, Nehomah Thundercloud; many Ho-Chunk brothers and sisters; sons, Joshua and Jacob; daughters, Jamyn, Brooke, and Mira Belle; and his lifelong friend, Burley.

He was preceded in departure by paternal grandparents, Emanuel “Soup” Thundercloud and Agnes Whitegull Thundercloud; maternal grandparents, Benjamin Hopinkah and Gretchen Youngthunder Eagleman; Jaajis, Peter, Ross, and Chris Thundercloud, and Bill Hall; and Naanis, Cheryl Hopinkah and Jeanette Hopinkah.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 P.M. on Friday, December 30, 2011 at the Raymond and Judith Ann Thundercloud residence, 8857 Decorah Rd. at the Ho-Chunk Indian Mission, rural Black River Falls. Burial followed in the Decorah Cemetery. Jeff Goodbear officiated. Honorary casket bearers were Eric Hopinkah, Scott Lowe, Roger Taylor, Aaron Parker, Moses Cleveland, Steve Kysley, and Murt Greengrass. Casket bearers were David Russell, Cory Funmaker, Fletcher Collins, Nick Whitegull, Koonzie Decorah, Gavin Johnson, and Shane Steindorf.

The Buswell Funeral Home, Black River Falls, assisted the family with arrangements.

Online condolences are available at www.buswellfuneralhome.com.

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George WM. Hindsley Jr.



The Apostle Creed

I believe in God the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to dead on the 3rd day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Native American Church and the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

Amen

We would like to thank our Ho-Chunk Nation and Black River Falls Legion Post #129. Also all our relatives, friends young and old for donations, gifts, devotions, prayer service, cooks, helpers, and prayers that come from North, East, South and West.

Greatly Appreciated – Pi-ni-gi-gi
From Hindsley Family, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren also
his wife Berna Hindsley

Rave moves with the job

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk tribal member from Black River Falls, Travis Rave, is always on the go for his job, from working long hours to additional training to obtain more certifications in his field. In 1988, Rave began his apprenticeship as a Plumber after working full time for four years; he then became a journeyman plumber. Prior to becoming a journeyman, Rave was not a Union plumber and worked many jobs with the assistance of the Ho-Chunk Nation's TERO Program.

Travis has had experience working for his brother-in-law and many other companies but he has also worked for himself in the plumbing industry utilizing his expertise at such places as Walmart in Eau Claire, Gundersen La Crosse, St. Francis La Crosse, and the HCN Health Care Center in BRF before becoming a journeyman. Rave worked single handedly on the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center



Rigging, the connections made to haul and transport supplies at work sites is what Travis works on for a living.

installing the plumbing system for the entire facility so many of us use today. He has also worked as a pipefitter at several paper mills in northern Wisconsin and all the remodels of Chay-Kah-Chee, Indian Heights, and the Indian Mission for HHCDA.

However, Rave does not do service calls, and only works for free for his Cuwis and for frybread as he has accepted frybread in lieu of cash on several occasions. He is not quite picky about who makes it, so long as it is not "doughy."

While working at the Oak Creek Power plant Travis experienced a nasty fall that left Travis unemployed and disabled for two years. So while unemployed Travis started taking classes to become employable again, not sure how the injury would heal or if it would be aggravated again in the future.

With assistance from the Ho-Chunk Nations Labor Department's TERO Program, Travis enrolled in Cross Connection Control classes in Mosinee, WI. He learned how to not cross contaminate with water and waste pipes; a license that a plumber uses as a working credential. Travis is now a Certified Instructor in this class and can also teach Cross Connection Control ASSE American society of sanitation engineering.

There are many programs within the Ho-Chunk Nation that are designed specifically to help Ho-Chunk tribal members move up and become acquainted with hands-on training in specific fields. What the Labor Department program offered Travis can also be offered to you too.

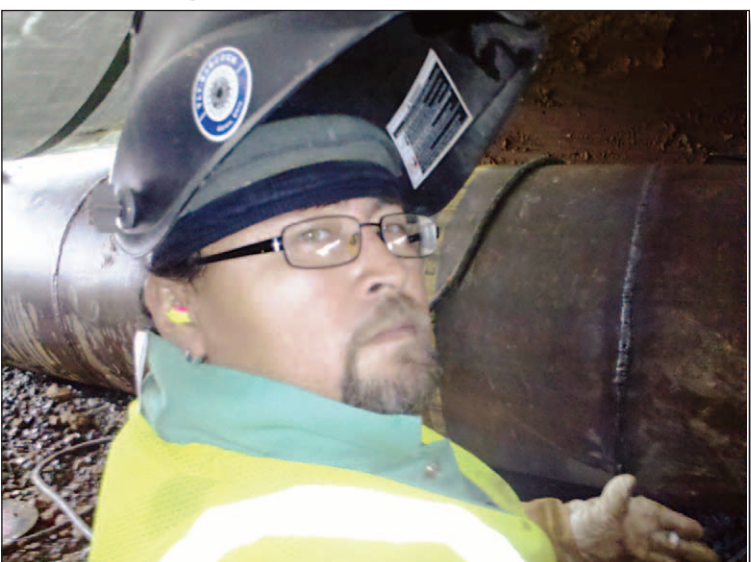
As a tribal member in the

TERO program, and once all of the required documentation is provided such as status, intent to hire, and letter of hire, a case worker will use program formulas to disburse funds to provide the client with gas assistance, and if in a certain area, \$100 toward work clothes. If requested, the program can and will also provide lunch for the client as well up to a certain amount for two weeks to help get you on your feet. This letter/voucher can also be redeemed for food at the WTC C-Stores.

With knowledge of resources available, Travis reached out for more classes and attended a class the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #434 offered. He learned Rigging and Crane Signaling which was a two week class. While learning rigging, rigging is safety, the tools, and load ratios, Rave also had to bring back numbers and formulas; 75 percent of classroom study was geometry. The Reasoning behind the use of Math is to determine proper load ratios and what proper safety equipment to use on each job.

In 2011, Rave had been welding for Ahern in Marshfield and the job was supposed to work longer but Travis was laid off. An opportunity came about through the Union Travis was in and they offered him a Rigger position in Homestead, Florida.

After accepting the position, that meant no singing for New Year's Eve, and off he was leaving his grandchildren behind and many other family members he was in contact with on a daily basis. Plans to relocate to Florida with family for the job may mean



Tribal member Travis Rave welding some pipes big enough to drive a truck through.



Fred Camacho, Richie Brown, Travis Rave, Melissa Johnson and Sage Funmaker. Case workers that have all assisted or worked with Travis.

a permanent relocation. The upside to his travels is that he won't have too much to worry about when he puts in a day's work; he will be minutes from Biscayne Bay, Everglades National Park, the Florida Keys and South Miami Beach.

But for now, Rave's plans are to work at the Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Station (a Nuclear Power plant), and to be "running steel" for his new job as a "Rigger". Travis wishes to extend thanks to all of the staff from the Labor Department for assisting him

in obtaining employment through all of the training opportunities available. Travis really wanted to extend a Pi-na-gi-gi, as the Labor Dept really did good for him with all of their assistance.

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Travis has made it down to his work site and has been hired, due to Homeland Security Safety procedures, like the few hundred that are also waiting to start working at the Turkey Point; Travis is not currently working, he is on a stand by status, he still collects Union scale pay.

House of Wellness staff holds Food Drive that benefits local communities

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On December 1, 2011 members of the Fitness Staff from the House of Wellness began accepting non-perishable food items from Guests who already use the House of Wellness facilities and to increase and gain new members.

Current H.O.W. members who donated a non-perishable food item or paper good received one month free, extended onto their current membership; if they donated in the month of December. New members who signed up for the Holiday promotion received 25 percent off any annual membership and by donating a non-perishable food item or paper good, received one additional month free. By donating 2 non-perishable food items, with 1 paper product, guests and prospects were able to enjoy a onetime promotion of a free two week pass. "Class Only" participants were able to enjoy a class of their choice

if they donated one non-perishable food item or paper product.

Jodel Treetop, Fitness Specialist, who has been employed with the House of Wellness for almost as long as it has been open, took her time and really did a lot of good research that made the Food Drive very successful; not only from a promotional stand point, but from knowing specifically what the local food pantries would accept. After good communication with Fitness Staff, the donations began to roll in. Like many events, it was slow at first, but with great customer service and an option for prospective guests it was pretty much a bargain that very could pass on.

There has been somewhat of a fitness boom locally with competitors setting up prime locations in the Baraboo, Lake Delton and Reedsburg areas. However, those franchise locations close just as fast as they open; or until the next fitness craze kicks in. It is

hard for other fitness centers to compete with the HOW, as they have so many amenities such as a variety of classes, an Olympic size lap pool, sauna, hot tub, therapy pool and children's aquatic play area, and the gym in the fitness center is constantly updated to the most recent equipment.

The total weight of food donated and collected came to a grand total of 465.2 pounds. The Staff divided the food and will deliver to Baraboo and Lake Delton Food Pantries. A couple boxes were filled with household items like laundry soap and dish soap with personal hygiene toiletries, toilet paper, paper towels, and much more. There was also canned and dried foods that were donated to the Social Services department for a Ho-Chunk Family in need.

All together there were 85 Members, 43 Guests/Prospects (new members), and four HCN Employees who donated, equaling 132 donations received. Many donated multiple items and



(Left to Right) Curt Greendeer, Jodel Treetop, Unga Stacy, Joseph WhiteEagle, and Henry WhiteThunder, members of the Fitness Staff. Good Job Staff!!!

some brought in whole grocery bags full of goods.

The Fitness Center Staff would like to make this drive an annual one and hope to

reach 500 pounds of food donations next year. From all the staff, it was a great experience!